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The reply received 3/29/06 to the restriction requirement mailed 2/22/06 is acknowledged; however, applicant has not complied fully with the restriction requirement. The examiner required an election of species (see pages 4 and 5 of the Office action).

Applicant's traverse regarding the requirement for an election of a single invention from Groups I-III has been considered, and it is persuasive. The examiner rejoins Groups II and III to elected Group I. However, this rejoinder necessitates that applicant elect additional relevant species. Any inconvenience is regretted.

The species groupings requiring election are recited below, for applicant's convenience. Applicant should refer to the original restriction requirement for the full requirement and conditions thereof. **Note that a one-month period for reply to this paper has been set.**

Instruments: (j') a flow cytometer, (k') a hematology analyzer, (l') H3 by Bayer Corporation, (m') the Beckman Coulter STKS System, (n') the Beckman Coulter Gen-S System, (o') the Abbott Cell-Dyn 4000 Hematology System, (p') Bayer ADVIA 120 System, and (q') the Sysmex XE2100 System , as in claims 12 and 25.

Screening targets: (r') HIV, (s') HPV, (t') hepatitis, (u') leukemia, and (v') cancer, as in claims 13 and 26.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lora E. Barnhart whose telephone

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number is 571-272-1928. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 9:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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